

Proviso.
Application and pay-
ment.

Mineral, etc., rights
reserved.

Nevada, containing eighty acres; and that patent shall, after such purchase, issue to said company therefor: *Provided*, That the Western Pacific Railroad Company file in the district land office at Carson City, Nevada, an application for the said lands, and tender payment therefor at the price fixed herein within sixty days of the passage of this Act: *Provided further*, That patent issued under the provisions of this Act shall be subject to and contain a reservation to the United States of all the coal and other minerals in the land so patented, except sand and gravel, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same.

Approved, February 18, 1931.

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[S. 5138.]
[Public, No. 677.]

CHAP. 218.—An Act To amend the Organic Act of Porto Rico, approved March 2, 1917.

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ernment.
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Commissioner of Agri-
culture and Com-
merce.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 13 of an Act entitled "An Act to provide a civil government for Porto Rico, and for other purposes," approved March 2, 1917, be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"**SEC. 13.** That the following executive departments are hereby created: A Department of Justice, the head of which shall be designated as the Attorney General; a Department of Finance, the head of which shall be designated as the Treasurer; a Department of Interior, the head of which shall be designated as the Commissioner of the Interior; a Department of Education, the head of which shall be designated as the Commissioner of Education; a Department of Agriculture and Commerce, the head of which shall be designated as the Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce; a Department of Labor, the head of which shall be designated as the Commissioner of Labor; and a Department of Health, the head of which shall be designated as the Commissioner of Health. The Attorney General and Commissioner of Education shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate of the United States, to hold office for four years and until their successors are appointed and qualified, unless sooner removed by the President. The heads of the five remaining departments shall be appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate of Porto Rico. The heads of departments appointed by the governor shall hold office for the term of four years and until their successors are appointed and qualified, unless sooner removed by the governor.

"Heads of departments shall reside in Porto Rico during their official incumbency, and those appointed by the governor shall have resided in Porto Rico for at least one year prior to their appointment.

"The heads of departments shall collectively form a council to the governor, known as the executive council. They shall perform, under the general supervision of the governor, the duties hereinafter prescribed, or which may hereafter be prescribed by law, and such other duties, not inconsistent with law, as the governor, with the approval of the President, may assign to them; and they shall make annual and such other reports to the governor as he may require, which shall be transmitted to the executive department of the Government of the United States to be designated by the President as herein provided: *Provided*, That the duties herein imposed upon the heads of departments shall not carry with them any additional compensation."

SEC. 2. That section 18 of the said Organic Act, approved March 2, 1917, be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"**SEC. 18.** That the Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce shall have general charge of such bureaus and branches of govern-

ment as have been or shall be legally constituted for the study, advancement, and benefit of agriculture, commerce, and other industries; the chief purpose of this department being to foster, promote, and develop the agricultural interests and the welfare of the farmers of Porto Rico; to improve their market conditions, and to advance their opportunities for profitable sale of their products, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law."

Authority and duties.

SEC. 3. That between sections 18 and 19 of said Organic Act, approved March 2, 1917, a new section is hereby inserted to read as follows:

New section.
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"SEC. 18 (a). That the Commissioner of Labor shall have charge of such bureaus and branches of government as have been or shall be legally constituted to foster and promote the welfare of the wage earners of Porto Rico; to improve their working conditions, and to advance their opportunities for profitable employment, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law."

Commissioner of
Labor.
Authority and duties.

Approved, February 18, 1931.

CHAP. 219.—An Act To extend the time for construction of a free highway bridge across the Sabine River where Louisiana Highway Numbered 21 meets Texas Highway Numbered 45.

February 18, 1931.
[S. 5456.]

[Public, No. 678.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge authorized by Act of Congress approved January 29, 1929, to be built by the State of Louisiana and the State of Texas across the Sabine River where Louisiana Highway Numbered 21 meets Texas Highway Numbered 45, are hereby extended one and three years, respectively, from the date of approval hereof.

Sabine River.
Time extended for
bridging, between Ver-
non Parish, La., and
Newton County, Tex.
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amended.

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, February 18, 1931.

CHAP. 220.—An Act Authorizing the State of Louisiana and the State of Texas to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge across the Sabine River where Louisiana Highway Numbered 6 meets Texas Highway Numbered 21.

February 18, 1931.
[S. 5457.]

[Public, No. 679.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to facilitate interstate commerce, improve the postal service, and provide for military and other purposes, the Louisiana Highway Commission and the State Highway Commission of Texas be, and are hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge and approaches thereto across the Sabine River, between Sabine Parish, Louisiana and Sabine County, Texas, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, where Louisiana Highway Numbered 6 meets Texas Highway Numbered 21, in accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906.

Sabine River.
Louisiana and Texas
may bridge, between
Sabine Parish, La., and
Sabine County, Tex.

Location.

Construction.
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SEC. 2. There is hereby conferred upon the Louisiana Highway Commission, and the State Highway Commission of Texas all such rights and powers to enter upon lands and to acquire, condemn, occupy, possess, and use real estate, and other property needed for the location, construction, operation, and maintenance of such bridge and its approaches as are possessed by railroad corporations for railroad purposes or by bridge corporations for bridge purposes in

Right to acquire real
estate, etc., for location,
approaches, etc.